An appreciation

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This final issue of Volume 19 is my last as Editor-in-Chief of *The Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology*. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to have developed this *Journal* with Pulsus Group Inc, and to have contributed as the Editor for the first 19 years of publication.

I am very pleased that Dr John Conly of the University of Calgary (Calgary, Alberta) has agreed to assume the role of Editor-in-Chief. John has been a consistent supporter and contributor as a member of the editorial board since the *Journal's* inception. His vision, fresh ideas and new approaches will move the *Journal* forward, while sustaining the position it has achieved as a focal point for infectious diseases and medical microbiology in Canada.

The success of the *Journal* over these first 19 years is attributable to the enthusiasm and continuing contributions of many individuals. The first of these to acknowledge is certainly, our publisher, Pulsus Group Inc. The initial idea for the *Journal* came from Robert Kalina at Pulsus, and Pulsus has remained fully committed to the *Journal* despite occasional disappointing revenues. They have practiced what they have preached – the essential need to support peer-reviewed journals in Canada. Second, the many individuals who have served as members of the Editorial Board, Associate Editors and Section Editors throughout these 19 years must be acknowledged. The names of these contributors have always appeared on the masthead and will not be repeated here, but their commitment, good humour and support have been essential. The Associate Editors, in particular, do much of the work in terms

of manuscript review, and have always contributed critical insights and challenging reviews. In the Editorial Office, I have been fortunate to have enjoyed consistent, competent administrative support from Brenda Des Rosiers since the inception of the *Journal*. This has maintained a relatively smooth day-to-day functioning of the *Journal*, and effective communication among editors, authors and the publisher. Her skills will assist in ensuring a seamless transfer to Dr Conly and the new editorial office in Calgary.

And not least, I must express my appreciation to all members of the infectious diseases and microbiology community in Canada. As individuals and through our professional organization – first the Canadian Infectious Disease Society (CIDS), now the Association of Medical Microbiology and Infectious Disease (AMMI) Canada – there has been consistent support for the *Journal*. Despite concerns about indexing, limited frequency of publication and other growing pains, the readership has embraced this *Journal* as their own. It has been a particular pleasure to serve this community through the *Journal*. The collegial contact with individuals from across this country, promoted by involvement with the *Journal*, is certainly what I will most miss.

After 20 years, it is time for new leadership at the *Journal*, and time for me to move on to other opportunities. However, I hope to continue to contribute to *The Canadian Journal of Infectious Diseases & Medical Microbiology*, and to the infectious diseases and microbiology community in Canada, for some time to come.

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